

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: M. ISHIZAWA et al. Confirmation No.: 6857  
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For: AUTOMATIC ANALYZER  
Group: 1743  
Examiner: J. Nagpaul

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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April 22, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2008, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 23, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.